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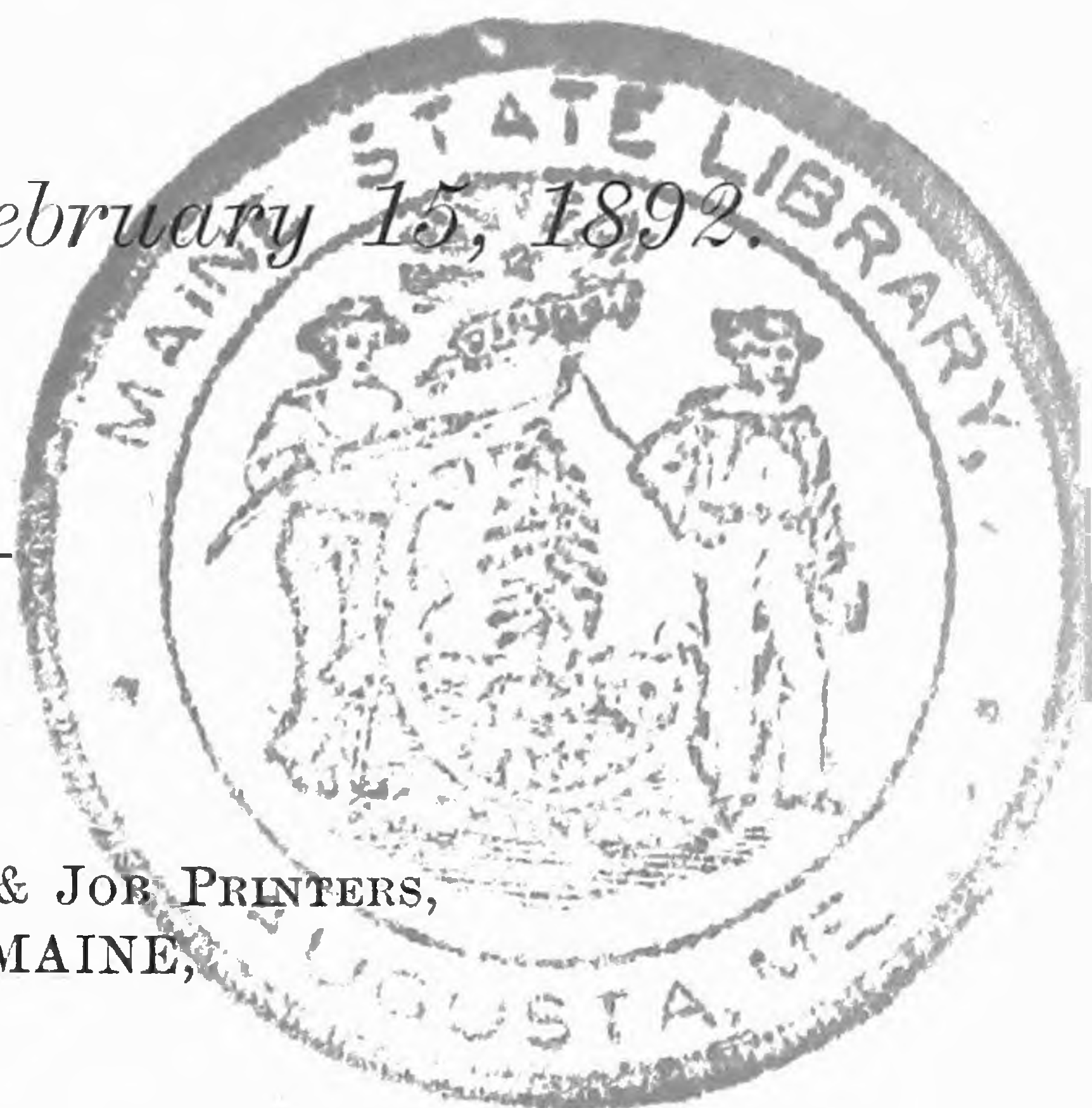
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OF THE  
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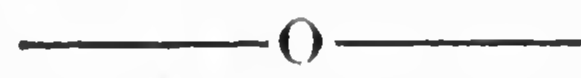
*For the Year Ending February 15, 1892.*

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1892.



## TOWN OFFICERS.



*Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.*

C. M. KIMBALL, E. S. KILBORN, HENRY FARWELL.

*Clerk.*

L. T. BARKER.

*Treasurer.*

J. U. PURINGTON.

*Supervisor of Schools.*

N. F. BROWN.

*Town Agent.*

A. E. HERRICK.

*Collector.*

T. H. CHAPMAN.

*Road Commissioners.*

C. M. KIMBALL. E. S. KILBORN. HENRY FARWELL.

*Auditor.*

G. P. BEAN.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

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The Selectmen would submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1892.

### VALUATION.

Amount of real estate,	\$592,665 00
Amount of personal estate,	177,100 00
Total,	<u>\$769,765 00</u>

Rate per cent. of tax, (.016), one cent six mills on the dollar.

Number of polls, 534. Poll tax \$2.00.

Number of dogs, 157. Tax on each, \$1.00.

### APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$2,157 03
County tax,	779 64
For schools,	2,000 00
For support of poor,	1,000 00
To pay interest on town debt,	1,124 00
To pay town charges,	326 00
For highways,	3,000 00
To purchase road machine,	250 00
To purchase school text books,	300 00
To reshingle toll bridge,	500 00
To pay land damage and build the Ellingwood road, so called,	155 00
To pay damage on Summer Street,	18 00
To pay Brown Post, G. A. R.,	50 00
To pay West Bethel Library Association,	50 00
To pay for repairs on school-houses,	500 00
To pay for writing History of Bethel,	300 00



To pay for improving road at Middle Intervale,	150 00
To pay for building Kimball Hill road,	75 00
To pay snow bills for winter of 1890-91,	300 00
Overlays,	467 01
Unpaid highway,	74 80
Supplementary tax,	14 40
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Total committed for collection,	\$13,590 88

### TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID FOR 1890.

No. Order.		
1	A. W. Grover, Selectman, etc.,	\$133 60
2	C. M. Kimball, Selectman, etc.,	101 00
3	E. S. Kilborn, Selectman, etc.,	116 00
9	O. H. Mason, Treasurer,	50 00
6	H. N. Upton, Superintending School Committee,	25 92
7	F. E. Barton, Superintending School Committee,	26 00
8	J. G. Gehring, Superintending School Committee,	77 50
10	G. P. Bean, Auditor,	3 00
11	C. D. Hill, Secretary Board of Health, (2 years),	10 00
12	E. F. Cushman, Truant Officer,	2 00
Part of 13	A. B. Godwin, Health Officer, (4 years),	20 00
18	J. S. Swan, Treasurer of Ministerial and School Fund,	6 00
19	A. E. Herrick, Town Agent,	12 00
20	T. H. Chapman, Collector,	175 89
21	T. H. Chapman, Constable,	5 00
291	T. H. Chapman, Collector,	108 70
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	Total,	\$872 61

### *Other Bills for 1889-90.*

No. Order.		
Part of 13	A. B. Godwin, labor,	\$2 00
16	G. B. Mills, labor,	4 00
22	V. A. Dunn, labor,	7 80
Part of 26	Charles C. Bryant, Superintendent of town farm to February 15, 1891,	172 60
30	O. H. Mason, making tax deeds,	4 02
31	Phineas Hastings, Blacksmithing,	1 30
33	G. B. Mills, boarding crew, 1890,	6 00

67 I. K. Russell, use water tub,	2 00
68 Benjamin Foster, labor,	2 40
Part of 84 D. M. Grover, boarding crew,	3 00
Part of 84 Walter M. Brown, boarding crew,	1 00
Part of 84 C. L. Abbott,	1 25
Part of 85 William H. Merrow, labor,	2 25
Part of 85 W. C. & C. G. Blake, labor,	3 52
209 H. R. Godwin, boarding crew,	13 50
A. M. Chase, printing reports,	60 00
247 L. T. Barker labor,	6 00
Part of 250 Charles Dunham, taking down fence,	2 50
Part of 250 N. A. Stearns, taking down fence,	2 00
Part of 250 Walter M. Brown, taking down fence,	3 00
Part of 250 I. J. Heath, taking down fence,	4 00
Total,	<hr/> \$304 14

#### SNOW BILLS FOR WINTER 1890-91.

Part of 82 V. A. Dunn,	\$7 80
A. L. Whitman,	5 25
L. N. Bartlett,	6 15
D. C. Rose,	6 30
J. F. Hapgood,	11 00
G. H. Goodnow,	3 80
Eugene Mills,	4 00
E. P. Grover,	7 10
L. P. Holt,	1 81
O. & W. Swan,	2 20
B. K. Bean, Jr.,	2 50
A. P. Mason,	1 50
E. H. Fifield,	6 30
R. F. Cross,	2 40
Moses Cummings,	2 40
J. D. George,	1 75
S. F. Estes,	27 82
W. H. Merrow,	1 80
F. J. Russell,	4 35
E. P. Bennett,	6 08

H. H. Bean,	10 50
C. C. Bean,	4 65
J. M. Bartlett,	8 10
M. E. Bartlett,	5 40
S. & S. Mason,	7 50
C. H. Kimball,	4 95
L. G. Grover,	2 10
E. D. Verrell,	3 00
Z. C. Estes,	1 00
V. P. Adamson,	4 80
H. & W. Farwell,	7 14
Herbert Whitman,	4 05
L. W. Pingree,	5 60
Thomas Maybery,	5 25
Randall Cummings,	2 00
D. C. Estes,	4 64
J. L. Oliver,	5 50
I. W. Bean,	8 00
L. C. Glidden,	7 00
H. A. Skillings,	10 00
J. A. Tyler,	3 62
William R. Eames,	5 00
A. K. Scribner,	50
R. L. Paine,	5 00
N. F. Swan,	2 10
W. M. Brown,	7 00
David Adamson,	1 20
William F. Brown,	5 50
N. A. Stearns,	1 05
W. C. & C. G. Blake,	7 77
J. G. Davis,	6 66
Charles Dunham,	6 75
D. M. Grover,	9 00
J. O. Brown,	2 25
S. A. Estes,	3 30
Gust Lamere,	1 20
M. S. Coburn,	3 50
Isaiah Coburn,	6 00
John Coburn,	6 00



R. D. Cummings,	6 00
C. M. Brown,	24
Galon Blake,	85
Z. W. Bartlett,	55
H. E. Bartlett,	2 70
Judson Bartlett,	82
Fred Haines,	75
C. L. Abbott,	5 93
J. O. Estes,	5 04
Ephraim Bryant,	8 00
F. H. Estes,	2 00
P. C. Thomas,	1 50
Hiram Fifield,	1 87
Warren Small,	6 80
Part of 146 A. S. Bean,	61 80
R. L. Paine,	2 00
D. M. Grover,	12 30
Thomas Maybery,	3 30
D. B. Grover,	3 30
William A. Farwell,	2 00
William Reed,	1 72
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Total,	\$436 36
Appropriation,	300 00
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Excess of Appropriation,	\$136 36

### SCHOOLS.

Amount of money undrawn February 15, 1891,	\$ 53 31
Amount of money raised by town, 1891,	2,000 00
Amount of State, school and mill tax,	1,245 96
Received of Milton for tuition,	114 37
Town school fund,	30 00
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Amount of funds available,	\$3,443 64



*Orders drawn from February 15, 1891, to February 15, 1892.*

No. of Order.

4	H. H. Wilson, wood furnished,	\$5 00
15	A. S. Bean, wood furnished,	6 39
17	G. B. Mills, wood furnished,	10 00
23	Charles Anderson, wood furnished,	5 00
24	Charles Brown, care of school-house,	2 00
28	J. H. Carter, wood furnished,	8 00
29	Bertha Grover, teaching,	26 50
34	Bethel Chair Co., wood,	3 00
35	F. S. Bennett, cleaning school-houses,	12 00
36	Isaiah Coburn, cleaning school-houses,	4 00
38	C. C. Merrell, cleaning school-house,	2 00
39	Eugene Heath, cleaning school-house,	2 00
40	John Heath, cleaning school-house,	2 00
53	C. C. Kimball, cleaning school-house and wood,	9 00
54	Mrs. John Chase, cleaning school-houses,	3 50
55	Bertha Grover, teaching,	48 00
58	Vertie G. Cushman, teaching,	32 00
60	Mrs. William L. Chapman, cleaning school-house,	2 00
61	Grace B. Chapman, teaching,	56 00
62	Howard Coburn, janitor,	5 40
63	Edith A. Philbrook, teaching,	64 00
64	Han B. Jewett, teaching,	42 00
65	Jennie H. Gibson, teaching,	40 00
66	Martha A. Gibson, teaching,	56 00
69	E. F. Cushman, wood,	10 00
70	Fred Merrell, janitor,	2 60
75	Atwood & Forbes, advertising,	50
77	Emma M. Brown, teaching,	40 00
78	Mrs. Mary Fletcher, cleaning house,	4 35
80	Clyde Bartlett, teaching,	40 00
81	Mollie C. Chapman, teaching,	40 00
83	J. L. Verrill, carrying scholars and cleaning house,	14 00
86	Mary F. Hutchings, teaching,	45 60
87	A. G. Wiley, teaching,	48 00
89	Ella A. Abbott, teaching,	40 00
90	Florence Abbott, teaching,	40 00
91	Ida Haselton, teaching,	48 00
92	Cora W. Hastings, teaching,	55 00

94	Grace E. Grover, teaching,	55 00
95	Alforetta Farwell, teaching,	55 00
96	Arther Coburn, care of school-house,	4 00
97	L. N. Bartlett, cleaning school-house,	1 00
108	Maud Merrow, teaching,	55 00
109	Ephraim Bryant, cleaning house and wood,	4 37
114	F. S. Bennett, cleaning house,	1 50
119	Geo. H. Seavey, labor on house,	3 00
120	Mrs. C. L. Sanborn, carrying scholars,	8 00
121	Mrs. H. H. Barker, cleaning house,	2 00
125	F. P. Bartlett, janitor,	2 00
146	Edmund Clark, teaching,	63 00
151	Ida M. Haselton, teaching,	44 00
152	Clyde Bartlett, teaching,	40 00
153	Jennie H. Gibson, teaching,	40 00
154	Martha A. Gibson, teaching,	40 00
155	Grace B. Chapman, teaching,	56 00
156	Mollie C. Chapman, teaching,	40 00
158	Fred Merrell, janitor,	8 00
159	Han B. Jewett, teaching,	42 00
160	Ellen A. Abbott, teaching,	40 00
164	Arthur Coburn, janitor,	4 25
165	Edith A. Philbrook, teaching,	64 00
166	Bertha Grover, teaching,	50 20
168	Maud Merrow, teaching,	40 00
169	Florence E. Abbott, teaching,	54 00
170	J. S. Hutchings, teaching,	80 00
171	Mary F. Hutchings, teaching,	44 00
172	Percy Bartlett, janitor,	1 50
180	Winona V. Cobb, teaching,	60 50
182	F. S. Bennett, cleaning house,	1 40
186	Helen L. Carter, teaching,	55 00
190	Lizzie Grover, teaching,	55 00
195	Mrs. C. L. Sanborn, carrying scholars,	8 00
199	Grace E. Grover, teaching,	55 00
201	Daisy Currie, cleaning house,	2 00
203	L. W. Bartlett, carrying children and wood,	15 00
206	F. P. Abbott, wood,	8 00
207	J. O. Estes, tuition in Woodstock,	16 50
211	Ellen A. Abbott, teaching,	40 00



212 C. F. Abbott, wood,	6 50
213 Rosa Bean, janitor,	1 60
214 George Merrow, janitor,	2 00
215 Mary G. Dodge, teaching,	56 00
217 H. A. Skillings, wood,	7 00
218 Emma M. Brown, teaching,	44 00
222 Clyde Bartlett, teaching,	40 00
223 Florence E. Abbott, teaching,	48 00
224 Florence E. Abbott, sawing wood,	1 00
226 Albert C. Eames, teaching,	40 00
227 C. E. Swan, board,	16 00
228 Charles S. Brown, janitor,	1 60
229 Grace B. Chapman, teaching,	56 00
230 Mollie C. Chapman, teaching,	40 00
231 J. G. Davis, wood and labor,	11 80
235 J. S. Hutchings, teaching,	80 00
236 Mary F. Hutchings, teaching,	48 00
237 Flora J. Wheeler, teaching,	48 00
238 E. S. Kilborn, wood,	22 50
239 Edith A. Philbrook, teaching,	72 00
245 Robert Clough, janitor,	9 00
251 J. S. Swan, wood,	3 00
252 J. F. Atherton, teaching,	56 00
Part of 255 Hasting Brothers, fixtures,	78
Part of 256 William R. Eames, wood,	6 00
Part of 258 Chester Wheeler, teaching,	70 00
259 John Hapgood, wood,	18 75
260 Ida L. Haselton, teaching,	72 00
261 J. H. Carter, wood and cleaning house,	6 50
262 A. H. Bartlett, janitor,	3 00
Part of 264 N. F. Brown, cash paid out,	1 00
267 G. B. Mills, wood,	24 00
281 G. R. Wiley, fixtures,	4 57
287 I. W. Bean, wood,	6 00

Amount of orders drawn,	\$3,054 65
Amount of school funds available,	\$3,443 64
Amount expended, as above,	3,054 65
Amount unexpended,	\$383 99



*Text - Books.*

No. of Order.

73 American Book Co.,	199 75
74 Lee & Shepard, for labels,	1 73
161 Leach, Sherwell & Sanborn,	88 90
Part of order 264 N. F. Brown,	80
282 G. R. Wiley,	20 23

Total,	<u>\$311 41</u>
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Amount unexpended last year,	\$53 31
Appropriation,	300 00
Received for text-books sold,	2 45

\$355 76

Amount expended, as above,	<u>311 41</u>
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\$44 35

*Repairs on School-houses.*

No. of Order.

14 B. V. Davis, labor,	\$ 2 25
46 Gilbert Tuel, labor,	11 28
47 H. C. Barker, labor,	6 80
56 B. M. Clark, labor,	2 25
126 C. M. Kimball, labor,	20 53
130 Milton Holt, labor and material,	104 35
135 Bethel Water Co.,	45 41
162 William F. Walker, labor,	13 00
Part of 181 Fred Robertson, labor,	1 50
Part of 181 Fred Clark, labor,	15
188 Hasting Brothers, fixtures,	76 22
219 Goddard Brothers, labor,	9 10
Part of 264 N. F. Brown,	1 00
Part of 264 Excess of appropriation last year,	35 93

Total,	<u>\$329 77</u>
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Appropriation,	\$500 00
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Amount expended, as above,	<u>329 77</u>
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Amount unexpended,	\$170 23
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## EXPENSES OF THE POOR.

### TOWN FARM ACCOUNTS.

Names and ages of inmates and the number of weeks board furnished each:

Mrs. Dorcas Goodnow, aged 77.	Board furnished 52 weeks.
Mrs. Lucy Lapham, " 81.	" " 52 "
William Cook, " 32.	" " 52 "
Mrs. Eliza Green, " 87.	" " 39 "
Mrs. Mary Estes, " 94.	" " 11 "
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	Total, 206

### *Appraisal of Farm and Personal Property.*

Town Farm,	\$2,000 00
5 cows,	125 00
1 three-year-old heifer,	25 00
1 two-year-old heifer,	15 00
17 sheep,	85 00
1 sow,	15 00
21 hens,	10 00
9 tons English hay,	90 00
3 tons meadow hay and fodder,	15 00
60 bushels oats,	27 00
75 bushels corn,	52 50
275 bushels potatoes,	60 00
10 pounds dried apple,	70
250 pounds pork,	18 00
20 pounds lard,	2 00
25 pounds butter,	5 00
100 pounds beef,	6 00
3 barrels apples,	3 00
19 gallons maple honey,	12 35
Groceries,	3 00
30 gallons vinegar,	6 00
85 gallons cider,	8 50
2 meat barrels,	1 50
50 flour barrels,	6 75
4 cider barrels,	4 00



1 dinner bell,	65
1 sprinkler,	40
1 mowing machine,	30 00
1 ox cart,	25 00
1 farm wagon,	15 00
1 family wagon,	10 00
1 pair ox sleds,	18 00
1 family sleigh,	15 00
1 wheelbarrow,	2 00
1 horse rake,	17 00
1 harrow,	5 00
2 plows,	10 00
2 cultivators,	8 00
2 ox chains,	2 50
8 tie chains,	2 00
1 whiffletree chain,	50
1 crow bar,	50
6 scythe snaths,	1 50
1 scythe,	50
1 hay knife,	1 50
2 drag rakes,	70
4 hand rakes,	60
4 hay forks,	1 00
1 curry comb and brush,	1 00
2 manure forks,	1 00
2 shovels,	75
4 hoes,	75
2 potato diggers,	50
3 axes,	2 00
1 hand saw,	1 00
1 wood saw,	75
1 brace and bit,	1 00
1 chisel, (one inch),	50
1 monkey wrench,	25
2 nail hammers,	60
50 pounds fence wire,	2 50
1 grindstone,	3 00
1 harness,	1 00
3 ox yokes,	4 00
5 ox bows,	1 50



300 sap buckets,	15 00
2 sap pans,	6 00
1 kettle,	4 00
4 sap holders,	3 00
1 pair snow shoes,	1 00
26 chairs,	6 50
5 tables,	7 50
10 bedsteads,	12 50
3 stands,	75
1 lounge,	1 00
17 puffs,	18 75
12 pillows,	8 00
5 blankets,	3 00
7 feather-beds,	35 00
9 straw ticks,	6 00
28 sheets,	8 50
32 pillow slips,	2 50
4 quilts,	3 75
1 bed spread,	1 00
6 chambers,	1 20
3 bureaus,	2 00
6 roller towels,	1 50
6 hand towels,	60
3 table cloths,	3 00
4 oil-cloths,	1 50
1 dozen napkins,	1 00
1 cook stove and furniture,	10 00
3 stoves,	5 00
1 butter worker,	1 50
1 churn,	3 50
1 two-quart dish,	15
24 tin pans,	3 00
6 tin pails,	3 00
2 cream pails,	1 00
3 lard pails,	30
1 wooden pail,	20
2 wash boards,	20
9 basins,	90
1 dish pan,	40
2 dust pans,	20

1 porcelain kettle,	35
1 tea-pot,	75
2 bean pots,	50
1 coffee-pot,	20
4 baking tins,	40
43 plates,	1 32
14 cups and 19 saucers,	1 00
10 bowls,	1 00
2 mixing bowls,	25
4 nappies,	30
2 meat plates,	40
1 potato dish,	20
2 sugar bowls,	50
2 creamers,	10
2 water pitchers,	40
1 glass set,	50
2 pepper boxes,	15
4 stone jars,	1 25
3 stone jugs,	75
1 oil can, (10 gallon)	2 00
10 table spoons,	1 25
20 tea spoons,	1 00
12 knives and forks,	1 40
1 butcher knife,	20
7 glass tumblers,	28
4 mirrors,	1 00
1 clock,	1 50
5 lamps,	1 25
1 sewing machine,	25 00
1 lantern,	50
1 lantern globe,	10
2 paring machines,	75
1 corn brush,	10
1 pair steelyards,	1 00
1 colander,	10
3 wash tubs,	1 00
6 flat irons,	2 00
1 clothes wringer,	1 50
1 glass jar,	10
1 steamer,	25

1 whitewash brush,	80
5 baskets,	1 50
1 bush hook,	1 00
2 lamp chimneys,	15
1 umbrella,	1 00
12 cakes soap,	60
8 gallon cans,	1 00
8 butter tubs,	1 00
2 creamer cans,	5 00
2 butter stamps,	40
3½ thousands shingles,	5 25
1 syrup barrel,	1 00
2 corn cutters,	50
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Total value of Farm property,	\$3,041 45

*Expenditures.*

No. Order.

26 Charles C. Bryant, Superintendent from Feb. 15, 1891 to April 6, 1891,	\$ 27 40
32 J. M. Philbrook, for oxen,	125 00
72 Henry Farwell, for oxen,	120 00
128 Woodbury & Purrington, for feed,	78 84
Part of 173 Mrs. A. H. Goddard, burial expenses of Mrs. Eliza Green,	24 00
Part of 173 Mrs. A. H. Goddard, burial expenses of Mrs. Mary Estes,	23 00
242 Woodbury & Purrington, for feed,	9 90
243 I. C. Jordan, for feed,	5 27
253 Dr. J. A. Twaddle,	10 50
Charles C. Bryant, services from April 6, 1891 to Feb. 15, 1892,	279 59
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Charles C. Bryant's bill:	
10 gallons of oil,	1 20
2 gallons of molasses,	90
100 crackers,	25
2 tin pails,	70
2 tin quarts,	20
1 wash dish,	15



1 three-quart dish,	15
2 creamer cans,	5 00
1 strainer pail,	1 00
1 lantern,	50
1 bottle of butter color,	25
10 pounds of nails,	30
21 pounds of ham,	2 07
1 box herring,	25
Shoeing oxen,	2 00
Shoeing horse,	1 00
Ball twine,	10
J. R. Howard, use of bull,	4 00
H. Hastings, use of bull,	1 00
Rooster,	50
Beef,	60
Plow paint,	60
Pair cards,	16
Beef,	1 07
20 pounds nails,	80
Beef,	2 50
Shoeing horse,	50
Garden seeds,	25
Phosphate,	10 00
Bag salt,	75
Seed potatoes,	35
Beef,	2 00
Butter stamp,	25
Shoeing horse,	25
Beef,	1 20
Hoe,	30
3 scythes,	1 95
Beef,	2 50
Ferriage,	60
2 gallons molasses,	90
Shoeing oxen,	2 50
Shoeing horse,	1 00
Fixing wagon,	2 00
Mending chains,	50
Cheese,	2 04
Ferriage,	65

Shoeing oxen,	1 50
Shoeing horse,	50
Bottle peppermint,	12
Bottle checkerberry,	12
Bottle paregoric,	12
5 pounds pork,	50
Pair of shirts for Cook,	2 00
J. Allen for beef,	10 00
Shoeing horse,	1 00
Digging grave for Mrs. Estes,	3 00
A. K. Bryant sermon for Mrs. Estes,	3 00
Bushel salt,	50
1 pint whiskey for Mrs. Green,	70
Digging grave for Mrs. Green,	3 00
2 dinners at the burrial of Mrs. Green in Shelburn,	1 00
A. K. Bryant sermon for Mrs. Green,	2 00
Making cider,	1 50
Boots for Cook,	2 75

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G. P. Bean's bills:

1 broom,	25
2 pounds raisins,	20
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds fish,	27
8 pounds cheese,	64
20 pounds sugar,	1 48
5 pounds tea,	2 50
5 pounds coffee,	1 40
1 bag salt,	20
2 pounds soda,	12
12 pounds fish,	72
1 barrel flour,	5 75
100 crackers,	25
11 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds Ham,	1 15
2 gallons molasses,	90
7 pounds sal soda,	42
1 pound borax,	10
8 bars soap,	40
2 balls cotton,	14
1 pair boots,	2 50

28 pounds sugar,	2 16
1 pair overalls,	75
1 barrel flour,	5 75
4 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds cheese,	68
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches,	10
4 pounds soda,	20
10 pounds rice,	1 00
9 pounds fish,	36
1 bag salt,	20
1 bushel grass seed,	1 75
2 quarts peas,	40
4 quarts peas,	60
20 pounds clover seed,	2 00
1 barrel flour,	5 75
1 ball knitting cotton,	07
30 pounds sugar,	1 64
5 pounds coffee,	1 50
4 yards cotton flannel,	60
10 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds fish,	61
4 pounds cheese,	56
2 pounds tea,	1 00
3 pounds raisins,	36
1 pair boots,	2 50
Suspenders,	30
10 yards print,	70
2 yards jean,	24
45 yards sheeting,	3 55
10 yards sheeting,	90
10 yards sheeting,	1 00
5 spools cotton,	25
2 skeins yarn,	40
1 dozen buttons,	15
6 pounds soda,	25
4 ounces nutmegs,	25
1 barrel flour,	5 50
2 gallons molasses,	90
1 bag salt,	20
2 yards silesia,	24
30 pounds sugar,	1 65
1 pail lard,	1 10



1 dozen buttons,	08
1 spool cotton,	05
2 pounds coffee,	60
18 pounds sugar,	1 00
2 pounds tea,	1 00
5½ pounds fish,	22
4½ pounds cheese,	62
¼ pound ginger,	05
1 barrel flour,	5 50
1 bag salt,	20
2 pounds coffee,	60
50 crackers,	13
4 pounds sal soda,	24
1 pair overalls,	75
1 broom,	25
5 pounds fish,	33
2 gallons molasses,	80
2 pounds tea,	1 00
13 pounds fish,	78
30 pounds sugar,	1 66
1 barrel flour,	5 50
2 pounds tea,	1 00
2 pounds coffee,	60
10 yards print,	70
1½ yards silesia,	23
1 spool cotton,	05
30 pounds sugar,	1 62
1 pail lard,	1 10
100 crackers,	25
4 pounds sal soda,	24
2 pounds sal soda,	10
2 pounds coffee,	60
1 gallon oil,	12
1 bag salt,	20
1 barrel flour,	5 50
2 pounds tea,	1 00
2 pounds coffee,	60
1 package matches,	10
27 pounds sugar,	1 50
4 pounds sal soda,	24

2 pounds coffee,	60
2 pounds tea,	1 00
$\frac{1}{4}$ pound cassia,	06
$\frac{1}{4}$ pound cloves,	06
2 pounds Raisins,	24
2 ounces nutmegs,	16
1 barrel flour,	5 50
10 gallons oil,	1 20
$\frac{1}{8}$ gross matches,	10
1 bag salt,	20
$\frac{1}{8}$ pound ginger,	06
4 pounds soda,	24
100 crackers,	25
2 pounds coffee,	60
4 pounds cheese,	60
2 pounds raisins,	24
2 gallons molasses,	90
30 pounds sugar,	1 66
2 pounds coffee,	60
2 pounds tea,	1 00
2 gallons molasses,	90
1 pair overalls,	75
1 barrel flour,	5 50
2 pounds coffee,	56
	——127 60
Decrease in farm property from last year,	67 55
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Total expense,	\$989 70

*Receipts.*

1 pair oxen, sold,	\$110 00
4 calves, sold,	20 00
3 barrels apples, sold,	9 00
Keeping calves,	1 00
5 gallons honey,	4 75
Milk,	1 00
1 pair oxen,	140 00
Potatoes,	9 52
Cow and calf,	30 00

Calf,	3 00
85 pounds wool,	22 10
1 sheep,	4 00
8 pounds butter, sold,	1 60
315½ pounds butter, sold to G. P. Bean,	63 07
Keeping calves,	1 50
2 gallons vinegar,	40
8 lambs,	24 00
Pasturing sheep,	1 00
Profit on oxen,	9 00
1 pair oxen,	120 00
	<hr/> 574 94
Balance against farm for support of poor,	\$414 76

*Expense of Poor not on Farm.*

B. R. Bartlett, from Feb. 15, 1891 to Feb. 15, 1892,	\$60 00
Caleb Goodnow, from Feb. 15, 1891 to Feb. 15, 1892,	83 05
Mary Estes, board,	24 00
Town of Minot, supplies furnished George Buck,	10 00
J. G. Rich, services on pension papers of Granville Glines,	8 25
A. H. Goddard, burial expenses of child of Eugene Heath,	6 75
A. H. Goddard, burial expenses of child of Geo. Stowell,	6 00
Town of Greenwood, aid furnished Granville Glines,	18 37
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Total,	\$216 42

*Expense of Patients at the Insane Hospital.*

Hattie G. Chapman,	\$132 78
Paid by friends,	65 60
	<hr/> 67 18
Daniel F. Bean, Jr.,	157 14
Paid by A. S. Bean,	157 14
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Mellen A. Cross,	174 32
Mrs. Emma Mason,	139 09
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	\$380 59



*Tramp Account.*

No. of Order.

110	Aid furnished by A. H. Goddard,	\$ 5 00
	Aid furnished by H. C. Barker,	18 35
	Aid furnished to Hiram Higgins,	24 50
292	Dr. C. D. Hill, medical aid,	3 00
	Total,	<hr/> \$50 85

*Total Expense of Poor.*

Brought forward, Insane at Hospital,	380 59
Brought forward, poor not on farm,	216 42
Brought forward, balance against farm,	414 76
Brought forward, expense of tramps,	50 85
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Total expense,	\$1,062 62
Appropriation,	1,000 00
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Excess of appropriation,	\$62 62

*Poor belonging to other towns.*

Aid furnished Elliot Walker and family,	50 47
Paid by town of Harrison,	50 47
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Aid furnished Tobie family,	\$23 37
Paid by town of Poland,	23 37
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HIGHWAY, 1891.

No. of Order.

41	Almeron Roberts, use snow plow,	\$5 00
57	E. H. Smith, labor,	15 00
59	Wm. Lowe, labor,	14 50
71	Joseph Mead, for street crossings,	36 00
76	R. E. Powers, feed for machine team,	17 25
79	American Bobbin Spool & Shuttle Co., feed,	3 10
Part of 93	A. E. Morrison, road machine point,	8 00
98	M. W. Chandler, express on road machine point,	55
100	A. S. Bean, team for road machine,	216 00
101	I. G. Kimball, labor with road machine,	72 00
104	Wm. Lowe, cutting bushes,	9 75

Part of 105 Z. W. Bartlett, labor,	12 50
Geo. E. Farrar, labor,	3 00
D. T. Foster, labor,	9 75
Eli Swan, labor,	85
Fred C. Bean, labor,	3 00
S. F. Estes, labor and board,	3 90
H. E. Bartlett, labor,	2 00
Jonas Bartlett, labor,	75
James O. Swan, labor and board,	11 13
John S. Brown, labor,	4 50
Ira W. Bean, labor,	3 00
Lewis Glidden, labor,	6 00
C. L. Swan, labor,	1 50
D. A. Glines, labor,	5 25
Judson Bartlett, labor,	3 00
N. F. Swan, labor,	2 25
James H. Swan, labor,	1 50
C. C. Kimball, labor,	10 00
G. K. Hastings, labor,	7 75
H. B. Holt, labor,	2 25
A. A. Bean, labor,	1 50
M. E. Bartlett, labor,	6 00
J. D. Hastings, labor,	4 75
H. H. Bean, labor,	4 25
F. J. Russell, labor and board,	8 15
D. C. Estes, labor,	7 00
E. E. Chase, labor,	10 50
Edgar Cummings, labor,	2 25
O. P. Chandler, labor,	1 50
I. A. Cushman, labor,	1 50
Galon Blake, labor,	1 00
I. I. Young, labor,	1 50
	———143 78
107 George E. King, boarding team,	42 00
112 Isaiah Coburn, labor,	47 00
113 John Coburn, labor,	34 40
115 J. S. Bartlett, labor,	15 75
117 I. C. Jordan, labor,	5 60
118 A. P. Blake, labor and board,	8 00
122 Randall Cummings, labor,	11 00



Part of 123	Corydon Stowell, labor,	9	15	
	Freeman Robie, labor,	1	50	
	Nathan Bean, labor,	5	25	
	George Seavey, labor,	12	00	
	I. Seavey, labor,	3	00	
		<hr/>		30 90
Part of 124	Joel Goodwin, labor,	7	00	
	Ephraim Bryant, labor,	10	50	
	C. P. Thomas, labor,	3	00	
	D. N. Blake, labor,	1	25	
	Jacob A. Chase, labor,	2	56	
	E. H. Fifield, labor,	3	00	
	Moses Cummings, labor,	1	50	
	J. D. George, labor,	1	50	
	C. M. Brown, labor,	3	00	
	V. P. Adamson, labor,		75	
	W. L. Chapman, labor,	6	00	
	Alfred W. Bean, labor,	6	25	
		<hr/>		46 31
127	B. W. Kimball, labor,			53 80
129	Woodbury & Purrington, for feed for road machine,			36 64
Part of 133	B. M. Clark, labor,	1	75	
	A. K. Prescott, labor,	1	50	
	Isaac Heath, boarding crew,	1	00	
	L. N. Bartlett, labor,	6	00	
	A. L. Whitman, labor,	7	50	
	Wallace Farwell, labor,	9	50	
	N. S. Stearns, labor,	6	00	
	James Tyler, labor,	3	38	
	Charles Verrill, labor,	3	00	
	Scott Wight, labor,	2	25	
	C. L. Abbott, Jr., labor,	12	45	
		<hr/>		54 33
Part of 136	J. F. Hapgood, labor,	18	50	
	—— Barnet, labor,	4	50	
		<hr/>		23 00
Part of 137	H. B. Holt, labor,	1	50	
	F. C. Bean, labor,	1	50	
	D. A. Coffin, labor,	12	75	
	J. G. Davis, labor,	10	25	



J. D. Hastings, labor,	1 50	
C. C. Kimball, labor,	1 50	
	<hr/>	29 00
138 J. M. Bartlett, labor,		8 00
140 D. M. Smith, labor,		11 25
142 S. V. Abbott, bridge plank,		12 72
144 C. M. Kimball, board,		16 80
Part of 147 C. O. Moore, labor,	6 25	
H. V. Chapman, labor,	3 00	
William L. Farwell, labor,	3 00	
Alfonso W. Bean, labor,	3 00	
J. W. Merrell, labor,	2 00	
P. N. Chick, labor,	1 50	
H. N. Upton, labor,	11 70	
	<hr/>	30 45
149 B. R. Bryant, labor,		48 00
Part of 163 William Laughlin, labor,	4 50	
Charles Demerrett, labor,	3 00	
Herbert Whitman, labor,	2 25	
John Coburn, labor,	75	
William Lowe, labor,	9 75	
Harry Chase, labor,	5 25	
Fred Clark, labor,	35	
	<hr/>	25 85
167 F. C. Bartlett, blacksmithing,		8 95
175 A. H. Goddard, boarding crew,		19 00
176 O. S. Dyke, ferriage,		3 25
177 A. W. Small, labor,		3 75
Part of 178 S. W. Sanborn, labor,	8 75	
S. & S. Mason, labor,	20 00	
Henry Farwell, labor and feed,	5 00	
Clark Caswell, water tub,	2 00	
George Mason, water tub,	2 00	
J. H. Carter, labor with road machine,	38 00	
J. A. Libby,	8 25	
	<hr/>	84 00
183 Fred Farwell, labor,		3 00
184 J. C. Billings, labor,		8 82
185 M. E. Swan, labor,		1 50
189 Hastings Brothers, material,		35 73
193 Austin & Alvah Wheeler, labor,		69 05

Part of 192 William F. Brown, labor,	1 90	
C. H. Kimball, labor,	75	
I. I. Young, labor,	75	
	<hr/>	2 40
Part of 193 C. W. Hall, labor,	3 20	
W. W. Chase, labor,	3 00	
	<hr/>	6 20
197 E. S. Kilborn, bridge plank,	111 25	
198 C. L. Sanborn,	26 25	
200 Seth Walker & Son, material,	106 41	
Part of 202 William Lowe, labor,	2 25	
William H. Durkee, labor,	2 25	
	<hr/>	4 50
205 S. Robertson, painting bridge signs,	7 00	
Part of 210 E. A. Capen, labor,	6 45	
John Barker, labor,	5 00	
C. L. Abbott, Jr., labor and water tub,	7 17	
J. W. Sanborn, labor,	6 50	
Charles Eames, labor,	4 50	
H. A. Skillings, labor,	8 25	
Herbert York, labor,	18 70	
Chauncy C. Bryant, labor,	10 63	
C. N. Kimball, labor,	3 00	
	<hr/>	70 20
Part of 216 D. M. Grover, labor,	28 90	
Mrs. Ella Lyon, labor,	7 50	
Thomas Mabery, labor,	7 50	
R. L. Paine, labor,	6 00	
	<hr/>	49 90
220 R. J. Virgin, bridge plank,	35 76	
221 A. S. Bean, bridge plank and labor,	56 09	
232 D. N. Blake, board and labor,	4 00	
233 J. D. Hastings, labor,	5 10	
234 Freeland Bennett, labor,	5 90	
241 N. F. Brown, water tub,	2 00	
Part of 244 O. A. Buck, labor,	6 45	
John Howe, labor,	2 25	
	<hr/>	8 70
248 L. S. Sanborn, labor,	2 75	
249 T. J. Foster, labor,	11 30	



254 T. B. Burk, labor,	18 40	
255 Hastings Brothers, labor,	1 22	
Part of 257 A. K. Scribner, labor,	8 00	
A. W. Grover, labor,	2 00	
A. P. Mason, labor,	1 87	
William A. Farwell, labor,	2 25	
C. L. Abbott, labor,	90	
J. L. Oliver, labor,	3 75	
T. H. Jewett, labor,	1 50	
George A. Chapman, labor and board,	7 50	
Walter M. Brown, labor,	6 00	
G. B. Mills, labor,	3 50	
Milton Penley, labor,	50	
William D. Hastings, sharpening drills,	60	
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263 William H. Durkee,		1 50
265 Randall Cummings,		9 00
Part of 270 H. R. Godwin, labor,	12 00	
J. B. Peaslee, labor,	3 00	
Charles C. Bryant, labor,	3 00	
A. K. Scribner, labor,	2 55	
E. B. Shaw, labor,	2 10	
G. B. Mills, labor,	2 50	
E. R. Briggs, labor,	50	
L. D. Grover, labor,	50	
C. L. Abbott, labor,	1 45	
A. W. Grover, labor,	2 73	
Charles Dunham, labor,	50	
Isaac Heath, labor,	2 00	
A. P. Mason, labor,	30	
	<hr/>	33 13
271 D. W. Cole, water tub,		2 00
272 William Reed, water tub,		2 00
273 C. F. Abbott, labor,		1 80
274 C. F. Abbott, labor,		2 25
275 J. O. Estes, labor,		2 10
276 L. P. Holt, labor,		10 00
277 John L. Holt, labor,		8 50
278 Thomas Conroy, labor,		4 50
279 Ellis G. Annis, labor,		2 85



286 Seth L. Mason, labor,	2 00
288 George W. Mason, labor,	2 00
289 Daniel Mason, labor,	8 11
295 Charles Dunham, labor,	3 25
296 J. C. Dill, ferriage,	1 18
Total,	<hr/> \$2,038 65
Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
Amount expended, as above,	2,038 65
Amount unexpended,	<hr/> \$961 35

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

### *Toll Bridge.*

No. of Order.	
Appropriated,	\$500 00
43 N. W. Mason, labor, shingling,	105 00
43 N. W. Mason, repairs on bridge,	6 00
43 N. W. Mason, paid for nails,	79
48 E. S. Kilborn, shingles,	137 75
52 E. S. Kilborn, shingles,	150 00
51 Seth Walker & Son, nails,	11 25
102 E. S. Kilborn, shingles and boards,	126 34
	<hr/> 537 13
Excess of appropriation,	<hr/> \$37 13

### *To Purchase Road Machine.*

Appropriated,	\$250 00
42 M. W. Chandler, freight on same,	\$10 80
93 A. E. Morrison, road machine,	239 20
	<hr/> 250 00
Brown Post, G. A. R., appropriation,	\$50 00
50 A. S. Chapman,	50 00

Writing History of Bethel, appropriation,	\$300 00
49 W. B. Lapham,	\$100 00
159 W. B. Lapham,	100 00
204 W. B. Lapham, engraved plan of Bethel,	22 00
294 W. B. Lapham,	100 00
	————— 322 00

Excess of appropriation, \$22 00

Appropriated, West Bethel Library,	\$50 00
266 To E. G. Wheeler, Treasurer of same,	50 00

*Ellingwood Road.*

Appropriated,	\$155 00
Part of 131 O. W. Ellingwood, labor,	\$3 00
Charles Verrell, labor,	2 25
James Tyler, labor,	2 25
S. & S. Mason, labor,	3 75
Scott Wight, labor,	75
Herman Skillings, labor,	1 15
J. H. Carter, labor,	6 00
I. G. Kimball, labor,	6 00
134 J. L. Verrell, land damage,	100 00
145 F. E. Howard, land damage,	5 00
Part of 148 B. R. Bryant,	11 00
Charles Pool,	3 00
John Chapman,	3 00
C. L. Sanborn,	5 00
O. W. Ellingwood,	11 85
Percy Chapman,	3 00
	————— 167 00

Excess of appropriation, \$12 00

Appropriated, Land Damage on Summer St.,	\$18 00
283 Mrs. John Kendall,	18 00
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*To Improve Road at Middle Intervale.*

Appropriated,	\$150 00
Part of 132 A. W. Bean, labor,	6 00
Alphonso W. Bean, labor,	2 25
D. M. Kimball, labor,	75
Merrell Chandler, labor,	4 38
C. N. Kimball, labor,	3 38
Wallace Farwell, labor,	13 50
O. A. Buck, labor,	1 00
B. W. Kimball, labor,	11 75
Joseph Holt, labor,	2 25
187 E. S. Kilborn, boards,	60 00
Total,	———— 105 26
Balance to be expended,	\$44 74

*Kimball Hill Road.*

Appropriated,	\$75 00
106 C. M. Kimball, building same,	24 15
116 Mrs. E. P. Swan, land damage,	40 00
269 Henry E. Bartlett, land damage,	2 00
	———— 66 15
Unexpended,	\$8 85

*Lock-up Account.*

H. C. Barker's account:	Dr.
To spikes,	\$ 40
Lead pipe for sink,	70
Care of Lock-up for ten courts,	5 00
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	\$6 10
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By rent for ten courts,	\$15 00
	———— 15 00
By balance,	\$8 90
Order No. 150 E. S. Kilborn, lumber furnished,	1 65
	————
Net income,	\$7 25



ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1890.

No. of Order.

290	Arsenault, Joseph, poll, left town,	\$1 75
	Bacon, N. G., poll, over 70 years,	1 75
	Cobb, Charles M., poll and personal, left town,	4 50
	Day, Herbert, poll, left town,	1 75
	Estes, Alfred, poll, over seventy,	1 75
	Lovejoy, F. H., poll, left town,	1 75
	Wheeler, Edward E., poll, sickness,	1 75
	Walker, Elliot L., poll, left town,	1 75
	Walker, Webster E.,	1 00
	Ward, Clement, poll, left town,	1 75
	Arno, Josiah, balance of poll, sickness,	1 48
	Knapp, Joseph A., poll, not able to pay,	1 75
	Cummings, Bert, poll, left town,	1 75
	Reed, Charles F., poll, left town,	1 75
	Carrier, L. M., poll, left town,	1 75
	Desrosh, Hurbert, poll, left town,	1 75
	Frost, John, poll, left town,	1 75
	Gaudt, J. M., poll, left town,	1 75
	Hines, Terry, poll, left town,	1 75
	Kelly, Henry, poll, left town,	1 75
	Lawson, John, poll, left town,	1 75
	McLennen, James, poll, left town,	1 75
	Wheeler, E. G., poll, sickness, not able to pay,	1 75
	York, Onswell, poll and personal, left town,	3 25
	Total,	<hr/> \$45 23

## TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, DUE FOR 1891.

C. M. Kimball, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	\$62 75
E. S. Kilborn, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	79 00
Henry Farwell, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	73 75
J. U. Purrington, treasurer,	50 00
A. E. Herrick, town agent,	15 00
J. S. Swan, treasurer of Ministerial and School Fund,	6 00
N. F. Brown, supervisor of schools,	150 00
T. H. Chapman, commission on taxes,	180 85
T. H. Chapman, constable,	2 00
G. P. Bean, auditor,	3 00
C. M. Kimball, road commissioner,	37 75
E. S. Kilborn, road commissioner,	36 00
Henry Farwell,	52 00
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Total amount due,	\$648 10

Order No. 5, A. W. Grover, Selectman from Feb. 15, 1891 to March 2, 1891, (paid),	\$10 30
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## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

No. Order.	
88	G. R. Wiley, blank books and stationery, \$18 82
194	B. K. Farnham, damage to horse on highway, 25 00
240	E. C. Rowe, hall rent, 9 00
268	G. R. Wiley, office rent and stationery, 25 60
297	Treasurer Bethel Chair Factory, for repairs, 34 00
	Total, <hr/> \$112 42
	Town officers' bills due for 1891, 648 10
	A. W. Grover's bill, paid, 10 30
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	Total for town charges, \$770 82
	Appropriation, \$326 00
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	Excess of appropriation, \$444 82

# ACCOUNT WITH LIQUOR AGENCY.

DR.

To liquor on hand February 10, 1891,	\$153 00
casks on hand February 10, 1891,	15 00
cash on hand February 10, 1891,	15 70
liquors bought during the year,	1,762 69
freight and truckage,	44 09
agent's salary to February 1, 1892,	150 00
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	\$2,140 48

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By cash received for liquors and casks sold	
during the year,	2,219 56
liquors on hand February 10, 1892,	146 77
casks on hand February 10, 1892,	15 50
cash on hand February 10, 1892,	29 07
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	\$2,410 90
Net profit,	<hr/>
	\$270 42

# SUMMARY OF ALL TOWN EXPENSES.

Bills for the support of poor, including tramps,	\$1,062 62
To repair roads and bridges,	2,038 65
build Kimball Hill Road, and damage,	66 15
build Ellingwood Road, and damage,	167 00
shingle toll bridge,	537 13
improve road at Middle Intervale,	105 26
purchase road machine,	250 00
pay snow bills, winter of 1890-91,	436 36
West Bethel Library,	50 00
Brown Post, G. A. R.,	50 00
damage on Summer Street,	18 00
writing History of Bethel,	322 00
town charges,	770 82
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Total expenses,	\$5,873 99
Total appropriation,	6,174 00
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Amount unexpended,	\$300 01



## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

### LIABILITIES.

Bridge bonds, four per cent., due 1898,	\$18,100 00
Coupons overdue,	42 00
Outstanding notes,	8,000 00
Interest on same,	86 21
Due Bethel Water Co., water for two tubs,	200 00
Outstanding orders,	160 99
School money unexpended,	388 99
Appropriation for school text-books unexpended,	44 35
Appropriation for repair of school-houses unexpended,	170 23
Town officers' bills due for 1891;	648 10
Due Charles C. Bryant, February 15, 1892, for services as superintendent of town farm,	279 59
Estimated, abatement of taxes for 1891,	50 00
Bills outstanding, estimated,	75 00
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Total liabilities,	\$28,245 46

### RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,	535 78
Due on tax deeds,	22 69
Due from T. H. Chapman, Collector, 1891,	7,566 91
Due from Hanover ferry,	8 50
Rent due on corn shop,	37 50
Due J. S. Swan, treasurer, school fund,	30 00
Liquors, casks, and cash on hand,	191 34
Value of town farm, stock and tools,	3,041 45
Investment in corn shop,	2,500 00
Value of chair factory,	8,000 00
Toll House property,	250 00
Lock-up,	550 00
2 road machines,	250 00
Due from Milton Pl., for text-books,	16 52
Total resources,	<hr/> \$23,000 69

Liabilities of the town,	\$5,244 77
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Liabilities above resources, February 15, 1891,	\$6,905 19
Liabilities above resources, February 15, 1892,	\$5,244 77
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Reduction of indebtedness from last year,	\$1,660 42

The interest bearing debt has been reduced the past year,	\$2,000 00
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All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. M. KIMBALL,

E. S. KILBORN,

HENRY FARWELL,

*Selectmen of Bethel.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report of the Selectmen of Bethel for the year ending February 15, 1892, with the papers and vouchers belonging thereto, and believe it to be properly avouched and correctly cast.

G. P. BEAN,

*Auditor of Bethel.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

			Dr.
To cash on hand, February 15, 1891,			\$795 53
cash received from town of Andover for aid			
to Tyler family,			19 38
cash received from State Treasurer, crow bounty,			5 30
" " " Charles C. Bryant, for oxen,			110 00
" " " Frank E. Carpenter, tax deeds,			34 57
" " " J. S. Swan, Treas., Ministerial			
and School Fund,			30 00
" " " Charles C. Bryant, oxen sold,			140 00
" " " Henry Farwell, use of road			
machine,			7 00
" " " T. H. Chapman, tax deed,			24 94
" " " Henry Farwell, oxen sold,			120 00
" " " Mrs. Sarah A. McKenney for			
board of Hattie G. Chapman			
at hospital,			65 60
" " " H. G. Brown, treasurer, Bethel			
Chair Co., 12 months rent,			595 00
" " " First National Bank, Portland,			
coupon account,			153 81
" " " J. & E. A. Wyman, one year's			
rent of corn factory,			150 00
" " " E. S. Kilborn, liquor cask sold,			1 50
" " " Town of Harrison, on account of			
Elliott Walker,			50 47
" " " State Treasurer, on account of			
School Mill Tax,			1,245 96
" " " E. S. Kilborn, tuition from Mil-			
ton Pl.,			114 37
" " " E. S. Kilborn, aid to Tobie family,			23 37



To cash received from A. S. Bean, on account of D. F.	
Bean, Jr., at hospital,	157 14
“ “ “ State Treasurer, on account of	
Soldiers' Pensions,	108 00
“ “ “ S. W. Sanborn, liquor agent,	1,995 00
“ “ “ Rent on Toll House,	27 00
“ “ “ Non-resident Taxes,	86 96
“ “ “ Cash found among old papers,	2 00
“ “ “ T. H. Chapman, Collector,	12,980 98
“ “ “ Henry Farwell, from town farm,	41 74
“ “ “ N. F. Brown, school books sold,	2 45
“ “ “ C. M. Kimball, use of Hanover	
ferry, 1890,	8 50
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By paid A. M. Chase, printing town	
reports, 1891,	\$60 00
“ W. J. Wheeler, insuring town farm	
buildings, three years,	36 00
“ Geo. M. Atwood, County Treasurer,	
county tax,	779 64
“ Atwood & Forbes, advertising Non-	
resident taxes,	4 50
“ T. S. Littlehale, collector of taxes,	
town of Newry,	4 95
“ Geo. L. Beal, State Treasurer,	
State Tax,	2,157 03
“ Herrick & Park, making tax deeds,	2 00
“ State Liquor Commissioner,	1,762 69
“ Coupons,	854 00
“ Interest on Trafton notes.(\$10,000.00)	400 00
“ on Trafton notes,	2,000 00
“ Insane Hospital, on account of	
D. F. Bean, Jr.,	157 14
“ Insane Hospital, on account of	
Mrs. Emma Mason,	139 09
“ Insane Hospital, on account of	
Mellen Cross,	174 32

“ Insane Hospital, on account of Hattie G. Chapman,	132 78
“ State Pension to Mrs. Amanda Walker,	36 00
“ State Pension to Hiram W. Fifield,	48 00
“ State Pension to Granville M. Glines,	24 00
“ for stamps and postal cards,	3 00
Selectmen’s receipts for orders cancelled,	9,785 65
Cash on hand,	535 78
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J. U. PURRINGTON,  
*Treasurer of Bethel.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing report of J. U. Purrington, Treasurer of Bethel, with avouchers for same, and believe it to be properly avouched and correctly cast.

G. P. BEAN, *Auditor.*



# TABULAR STATEMENT.

Name of Schools.	Name of Teacher.	Whole No. of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Length of School in Weeks.	Weekly Compensation.
SPRING TERM.	SPRING TERM.				\$
Grammar School,	Edith A. Philbrook,	37	30	8	8 00
Upper Primary,	Grace B. Chapman,	47	33	8	7 00
Lower Primary,	Martha A. Gibson,	40	34	8	7 00
West Bethel,	Bertha M. Grover,	29	24	8	6 00
East Bethel,	Mary F. Hutchins,	21	18	8	6 00
Swan's Corner,	Han B. Jewett,	5	5	8	5 00
W. W. Mason's	Jane B. Gibson,	18	17	8	5 00
Middle Intervale,	Cora W. Hastings,	14	14	11	5 00
Steam Mill,	Arthur G. Wiley,	23	20	8	6 00
Walker's Mills,	Florence E. Abbott,	9	8	8	5 00
Flat,	Grace E. Grover,	8	8	11	5 00
Chandler's Hill,	Mollie C. Chapman,	10	9	8	5 00
Swan's Hill,	Ellen A. Abbott,	7	7	8	5 00
Grover Hill,	Maud Merrow,	8	8	11	5 00
Bird Hill,	Alforetta A. Farwell,	8	6	11	5 00
Milton,	Vertie G. Cushman,	17	11	5	6 00
Hapgood's,	Ida M. Hazelton,	13	11	8	6 00
Upper North Side,	Clyde I. Bartlett,	17	13	8	5 00
Foster's,	Emma M. Brown,	8	7	8	5 00
FALL TERM.	FALL TERM.				
Grammar School,	Edith A. Philbrook,	30	25	8	8 00
Upper Primary,	Grace B. Chapman,	49	30	8	7 00
Lower Primary,	Edmund Clark,	41	32	7	9 00
West Bethel,	Bertha M. Grover,	27	24	8	6 00
East Bethel,	J. S. Hutchins,	30	26	8	10 00
Swan's Corner,	Han B. Jewett,	7	6	8	5 00
W. W. Mason's,	Jane B. Gibson,	18	16	8	5 00
Middle Intervale,	Winona V. Cobb,	16	14	11	5 50
Steam Mill,	Martha A. Gibson,	19	16	8	5 00
Walker's Mills,	Mollie C. Chapman,	12	11	8	5 00
Flat,	Grace E. Grover,	10	8	11	5 00
Chandler Hill,	Maud Merrow,	9	9	8	5 00
Swan's Hill,	Ellen A. Abbott,	9	9	8	5 00
Grover Hill,	Lizzie I. Grover,	9	7	11	5 00
Bird Hill,	Hellen L. Carter,	9	7	11	5 00
Milton,	Florence E. Abbott,	15	13	9	6 00
Hapgood's,	Ida M. Haselton,	17	15	8	5 50
Upper North Side,	Clyde I. Bartlett,	11	10	8	5 00
Foster's,	Mary F. Hutchins,	10	9	8	5 50
WINTER TERM.	WINTER TERM.				
Grammar School,	Edith A. Philbrook,	34	30	8	9 00
Upper Primary,	Grace B. Chapman,	46	31	8	7 00
Lower Primary,	Ida M. Haselton,	34	29	9	8 00
West Bethel,	Mary G. Dodge,	22	19	8	7 00
East Bethel,	J. S. Hutchins,	28	26	8	10 00
Swan's Corner,	G. Fred Atherton,	11	8	8	7 00
W. W. Mason,	Mollie C. Chapman,	17	13		5 00
Steam Mill,	Florence E. Abbott,	17	16	8	6 00
Walker's Mills,	Emma M. Brown,	9	8	8	5 50
Chandler's Hill,	Albert C. Eames,	13	10	8	7 00
Swan's Hill,	Ellen A. Abbott,	9	9	8	5 00
Milton,	Chester Wheeler,	17	13	10	7 00
Hapgood's,	Flora J. Wheeler,	11	11	8	6 00
Upper North Side,	Clyde I. Bartlett,	13	11	8	5 00
Foster's,	Mary F. Hutchins,	9	9	8	6 00



## SCHOOL REPORT.

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Good work has been done in most of the schools of Bethel, the past year. Harmony has generally prevailed, and a good degree of interest has been maintained. The school at Mayville has been united with the village schools for the year. The two schools on Grover Hill have been united for the year, also the two upper schools on the north side, at a saving of expense and a benefit to the schools. The schools at Middle Intervale, Bird Hill, Grover Hill and the Flat,—the scholars being small and a part of them having some distance to go, and the roads being sometimes bad in Winter,—had a long term in the Spring and Fall, with no Winter term. The parents have been encouraged to discuss school affairs, and urged to visit the schools. Visiting the schools by parents encourages the teachers and creates an interest among the pupils. The dull scholars and those who do not care to learn have been looked after, and the teachers have been instructed to see that every boy and girl had their lessons. The school rooms have all been cleaned and a janitor provided and the teachers instructed to see that he kept them in good condition. Water has been put into the village school buildings, the Water Company generously furnishing the water free of cost. Two rows of seats have been put into the school-house at East Bethel. West Bethel school-house was repaired and painted inside by Milton Holt at his own expense, and the town repaired and painted the outside. Blackboards have been repaired and new ones furnished in five of the schools.

### SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Most of the school-houses that need be used for school purposes are in good repair. Those that are not needed should be disposed of and two or three should be moved.

I would endorse the recommendations of the Committee of last



year that our schools be put under fewer roofs; you will have better schools and the scholars can be instructed at much less expense than it costs to support the small schools. This matter of what to do with the small schools has engaged the attention of the people of New England for a number of years. In Massachusetts, in many of the towns, scholars are carried three and four miles, and the plan works well. In the small schools with a good teacher the work is unsatisfactory, and with a poor one the money is wasted. Teachers that are known to be good ones do not care to take the small schools at any price and you have to employ those that are doubtful or those who have never taught, so it is a continual experiment. In the larger schools you are reasonably sure of a good teacher and you have the advantages that come from competition. When we changed from the district to the town system, that we could have fewer and better schools was one of the arguments used, but if we go on year after year without doing anything about this we are losing the benefit of it.

I find that the people who are progressive and interested in their children are willing to put up with a little inconvenience to get their children to school. While the opposition to this plan comes from those that have had few advantages themselves and have but little interest in their children. With those who object to this plan, even if you come to their door and get their children and carry them to a larger and better school free of expense to them, argument is of little use.

I think, if we had a school building near the lower part of the village so that they could be accommodated, the neighboring scholars would be glad to avail themselves of the advantages of a graded school. That the schools be graded better has been recommended by the last two committees. With the school-houses that we now have in the village, the schools cannot be properly graded for lack of room. The lots are small with no play-grounds but the street, which makes it unpleasant and dangerous for the scholars and those that are going by when school is out. I would recommend that something be done about a school building in the village and the lot should be two hundred feet square, at least.

The school-houses at East Bethel and Milton are good ones; well located, and provided with modern seats. The people at East Bethel, before the town system was adopted, realizing that something should be done to have better schools, united three or four



districts and built a new school-house: the result is one of the best and largest schools in town. They take great interest in their school and are ready to help in any thing that will benefit the scholars. They presented the school with a flag, showing that they are alive and interested in educational matters. This school by having an additional room and taking in the Foster school, could be graded. The school-house at West Bethel is in good repair and is all that will be needed for some time, unless they should take in the Flat and make two grades, when an additional room would be needed. The school-houses at Walker's Mills, W. W. Mason's, Grover Hill, and Middle Intervale, are all right for a number of years. The one at the Steam Mill needs considerable repairing and I would suggest before the town expends much in repairing it that it consider the question of accommodating this neighborhood in the village graded schools. The one on Bird Hill and the one on Chandler Hill need a little repairing, the others should be moved or disposed of.

### TEACHERS.

I think we have a good, faithful staff of teachers who are workers, and read educational papers and study the best methods of teaching.

About twenty-five per cent. of our teachers have come from other towns. I think having a few teachers from other towns creates an interest and we get an insight into different methods of teaching, but the preference should be given to teachers from our own town. These are mostly educated at Gould's Academy. Mr. Hall, the principal, takes great interest in town schools, and has a class for those intending to teach, and endeavors to have them well fitted for their work, and I notice that the teachers from our Academy compare favorably with those from other Institutions in the State.

### BOOKS.

In accordance with a vote of the town, at the last annual meeting, to change Wheeler's Arithmetic for some other, after examining a number of different books, I decided to exchange for the Greenleaf which is used more extensively than any other throughout New England, and one with which our teachers are familiar.



There are more of the Colburn's Arithmetics than are needed and a part of them might be disposed of. I have insisted upon the book being used in every school in the way it should be used, which is in class work without previous study. The appropriation for school books, was expended last year without furnishing Geographies; Harper's was used, the scholars finding their own books. After examining books by different authors, I decided this was a good book; and, as many of the scholars had them, it would only make additional expense to change; so I put what Harper's Geographies were needed into the schools. We are using Hyde's Language Lessons. They are unsatisfactory to the teachers and, I think, unprofitable in the schools: I recommend that they either be changed for some other books or a few good grammars be put in the schools for the advanced classes. We need a few more histories and a few readers. I have allowed the scholars to take some of their books home between terms, I don't think there is need of their taking home all the books they study, only one or two.

In the matter of text books I would suggest that it will be well to use, as far as we can the books that are used at our Academy, as teachers do better work with books with which they are thoroughly familiar.

## METHODS.

Arithmetic has been taught both by oral and written work; considerable attention being paid to addition and multiplication. If the pupils thoroughly understand addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, they will have but little trouble with arithmetic. If these are only partly learned it makes their work slow, and pupils are continually making mistakes. I have observed that this is the principal trouble with a great part of the work in arithmetic; they will know how to do the example, but make mistakes and fail to get the correct answer.

Considerable written work has been required, practical examples in every-day business have been given, and it has been recommended to the teachers to give examples from other books. The "how" instead of the "why" has been taught the first time over the books, but the second time over the books and in the advance classes it has been required that they understand every principle thoroughly.

In Geography, in addition to learning the lessons, it has been required of scholars to learn something outside the book. If the scholar or teacher has visited or read about the place spoken of in the lesson, they are to tell what they have seen or read. This helps to create an interest in this important study. In addition to this the teachers have been advised to give, in their own words, to the class, a general knowledge of the earth and its motions, the winds and currents, continents and oceans, mountain chains and principal rivers; and to talk to the school upon other subjects connected with geography. This furnishes fine discipline for the teacher and brings to the scholar in a striking and original manner important information which they would not otherwise receive.

In Grammar a parsing lesson has been insisted upon in connection with the language lesson and language has also been taught from all the recitations in school. In teaching History I have advised that dates be learned carefully but that most of the lessons be given in the pupil's own words. I think this practice one of the very best ways to learn language.

I shall close this report without speaking of the different schools as has usually been the custom. Under the old district system, there was some excuse for this, as it gave, or was supposed to give, the Agents information about teachers, but under the town system there is no reason for this and it has been generally abandoned by the larger towns. It is unpleasant for the Committee, and does no good to either teacher or scholar, and for these reasons I decline to make any personal allusion to teachers.

N. F. BROWN,  
*Supervisor of Schools.*



WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,  
FOR TOWN PURPOSES, MARCH 7th, 1892.

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*To T. H. Chapman, a Constable in the town of Bethel, in the  
County of Oxford,* GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Ideal Hall, in said town on the seventh day of March at ten o'clock, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

*Art. 1st.* To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Art. 2d.* To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

*Art. 3d.* To hear and act upon the report of the several town officers.

*Art. 4th.* To choose selectmen for the ensuing year.

*Art. 5th.* To choose assessors for the ensuing year.

*Art. 6th.* To choose overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.

*Art. 7th.* To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.

*Art. 8th.* To establish the rate per cent. for collecting taxes, and choose a collector for the ensuing year.

*Art. 9th.* To choose road commissioners for the ensuing year.

*Art. 10th.* To choose all other necessary town officers.

*Art. 11th.* To see if the town will vote and raise such sums of money as may be necessary to repair roads and bridges for the ensuing year, and whether it shall be assessed wholly in money, or a part in labor tax.

*Art. 12th.* To see if the town will vote and raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the maintenance and support of the schools for the ensuing year.

*Art. 13th.* To see what sums of money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor, and to defray all other town charges for the ensuing year.



*Art. 14th.* To see what sums of money the town will vote to grant and raise towards paying the town debt, and interest on outstanding notes and bonds.

*Art. 15th.* To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to renew outstanding notes, or hire money to pay the same.

*Art. 16th.* To see if the town will vote to instruct its Selectmen to license a liquor agent.

*Art. 17th.* To receive and allow accounts.

*Art. 18th.* To see what discount the town will vote to make on taxes paid on or before November 1, 1892.

*Art. 19th.* To see if the town will vote to raise money for the repair of school-houses, and how much.

*Art. 20th.* To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the purchase of school text-books.

*Art. 21st.* To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road leading to Kimball Hill, so called, commencing at the road leading from Locke's Mills to Bean's Corner, at or near N. F. Swans, to where the new road intersects with the same.

*Art. 22d.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay A. L. Whitman for damage to his horse on highway.

*Art. 23d.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to protect the highway near Sunday river at Swan's Corner.

*Art. 24th.* To see if the town will vote to sell, change the location, or repair any of the school-houses of the town, and to raise a sum of money for that purpose.

*Art. 25th.* To see if the town will vote to sell its school-houses and lots on Bethel Hill, and to purchase a new lot and the erection thereon of a school building sufficiently large to accommodate the scholars, and to raise the money for the same.

*Art. 26th.* To see if the town will vote to raise a certain sum of money and appropriate the same as may be necessary for improvements and convenience of the cemeteries in said town of Bethel.

*Art. 27th.* To see if the town will vote to make any change in the text-books now in use, and especially to consider the question of changing Hyde's Language Lessons book, or providing some Grammars.

*Art. 28th.* To see if the town will vote to accept of a jury list as prepared by the Selectmen, Treasurer and Clerk.

*Art. 29th.* To see what sum of money the town will vote to pay Chauncey C. Bryant to widen Mechanic Street.

*Art. 30th.* To see if the town will vote to grant and raise the sum of fifty dollars for the benefit of the Bethel Public Library Association.

*Art. 31st.* To see what action the town will take towards furnishing the boiler at the Chair Factory with water suitable for making steam.

*Art. 32d.* To see if the town will vote to discontinue a piece of road leading from the County road to the Androscoggin river through the premises of A. W. Small.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town Office, Saturday, March 5, 1892, at ten o'clock, A. M., to revise the list of voters.

*Art. 33d.* To see if the town will vote to let H. H. Hutchings draw his School Money from Bethel, and expend the same in Rumford.